

Jim Martin moving from Steamfitters to post with Pipe Trades Council

Jim Martin, business manager and financial secretary-treasurer of Steamfitters Local 342, has been named executive secretary and legislative advocate of the California Pipe Trades Council and assumes his new duties in Sacramento September 15.

Local 342 is voting today (Friday, September 8) in a special election to replace him in a contest between former Contra Costa County Building Trades Council President Doyle Williams and John Anglim, who have resigned their posts as respectively Local 342 business representative and treasurer to compete. Martin has endorsed Williams.

Also being decided today are



JIM MARTIN

eight other contests resulting from Martin's resignation and resignations of candidates

from previously held posts. Only unopposed candidate is Paul Lazzarini, running for the formerly appointive, now elective post of inside guard.

The Pipe Trades Council convention in Palm Springs last May referred to its executive board the decision on adding a legislative advocate to its staff.

After interviewing nine candidates, the board voted to combine the council post of secretary, held by Martin since 1956, with the new position.

He will open offices in the Forum Building, 721 Ninth Street, Sacramento.

A native San Franciscan, Martin was initiated into Local 342 in 1940. He served on

its executive board in 1945 and 1946 and was business representative in 1946 and 1947.

He was named business manager and financial secretary-treasurer in 1950 and established a record of harmonious relations in the industry.

Offices contested in the election today and candidates are:

Business representative, succeeding Williams — E. M. "Andy" Anderson, George Machado, John William Orr and Roy A. Turley.

Executive board seat succeeding Machado — Tony Dominguez, Ray E. Jeter, Jim "Kelly" Kellogg and Harold C. Simms.

Treasurer succeeding Anglim — Larry Blevins, John Er-

win, Robert E. Jenkins, Wayne A. Perryman.

Recording secretary succeeding Orr — Larry Lerda, John "Jack" Matheis.

Trustee of pension and welfare benefit fund succeeding Martin — Bobby G. Beeson, Vern Go, Marty Scott, Les Silveira and Don Stallings.

Alameda County Building Trades Council delegate succeeding Martin — Anderson and Machado.

Contra Costa County BTC delegate succeeding Martin — Larry J. Gregory and Hector Tays.

Labor Temple Association director succeeding Martin — Anglim and Williams.

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Record crowd at Labor Day Picnic



CROWD filled the fairgrounds Court of Four Seasons and stretched better than an equal distance beyond it as unionists at Labor Day Picnic jammed themselves before the speakers' platform. Democratic Presidential Candidate George S. McGovern, the main speaker, was frequently interrupted by applause, including several standing ovations.

McGovern rips Nixon on jobs, prices, taxes, war

Close to 20,000 persons—the largest Labor Day Picnic crowd in history—jammed the Alameda County fairgrounds Monday to hear Senator George S. McGovern rip Richard Nixon's record of unemployment, inflation, war and unfair taxes.

The Democratic candidate was the first Presidential nominee to address Alameda County COPE's annual political fund raising affair in its 15 year history and he drew far and away the biggest audience—nearly twice the previous 11,000 record.

The crowd gave McGovern several standing ovations and interrupted him frequently with applause.

Before launching into a "give 'em hell" speech, McGovern took time to lash out at Proposition 22, the grower sponsored measure on the November 7 California ballot which would rob farm workers of the right to effective strike and boycott action and deny all but a tiny minority the right to vote on representation.

Then, noting his opponent's Labor Day attack on him, McGovern told the crowd:

"Nixon talks about the work ethic and decries what he calls the welfare ethic.

"But it is Richard Nixon who has followed the disastrous policies which have added 6,000,000 to the welfare rolls in only three and one-half years.

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GEORGE MCGOVERN
On Labor Day platform

Billings, frameup victim, dead

Warren K. Billings, a union organizer who spent 23 years behind bars as the victim of a classic frameup, died on Labor Day at the age of 79.

Billings, who with the late Tom Mooney was convicted of the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness Day bombing, was a long-time member and officer of Watchmakers Local 101, plying the trade he learned in prison.

He joined Local 101 in 1944 and had served as a member of its executive board and San Mateo County Central Labor Council delegate for more than 25 years at the time of his death.

He also represented Local 101 at state COPE and California Labor Federation conventions and was to have been a Local

101 delegate at today's state COPE pre-general election endorsing convention in San Francisco.

A shoe worker and active unionist in New York, Billings found employers there would not hire him and he came to San Francisco, looking for work in the early nineteen hundreds.

He was offered a strikebreaking job at a struck shoe factory and took the job as an "inside man" for the union, smuggling out information.

That ended when the scab foreman tumbled to what Billings was doing.

Billings left, he told the Alameda County Central Labor Council two years ago in one of his last public appearances, after the "foreman accidentally got shot in the thumb with his own gun."

In the rough arena of those years, when anti-union employers hired gunman, informers and agents provocateurs to crack down on unions, Billings became a tough battler.

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Carpenters getting set for 1974 talks

Northern California Carpenters last week completed organization of the body which will prepare for 1974 areawide negotiations as a forerunner to ultimate achievement of a statewide agreement.

Meeting at Oakland Local 36 headquarters, the more than 100 delegates to the Carpenters 46 Counties Conference Board name officers headed by John Rebeiro of the Santa Clara Valley District Council as president. (See Gunnar Benonys "Chips and Chatter" column for details, page 4).

The Conference Board, representing all local unions in the 46-county area, is to receive contract proposals from local unions and will in turn refer

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Groulx, Moscone, Dellums speak

Speakers at Monday's Labor Day Picnic included Alameda County COPE Secretary Richard K. Groulx, State Senate Majority Leader George Moscone, who introduced Senator George S. McGovern, and Seventh District Congressman Ronald V. Dellums.

Groulx, who presided, told the crowd that Moscone had been chosen to introduce the main

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BTC takes on 'no growth'

(California labor stand on ecology and jobs, page 3)

"No growth" campaigns against construction are multiplying in the East Bay, handing construction craftsmen a political challenge, the Alameda County Building Trades Council was warned this week.

At stake in Alameda alone where an anti-construction initiative appears to have qualified for a special election are

15,000 needed housing units over the next 12 years—equal to a major city—and the jobs to construct them, Business Representative Lamar Childers noted.

Next labor move to protect jobs and housing will be a full page newspaper advertisement urging that Fremont city officials end delays on approving construction projects. Sponsor

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High pressure vitamin salesmen

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

In almost every store you go to nowadays, and in many publications, you are confronted by pressures to buy vitamin products, especially the high-priced "natural" vitamins.

You now find these "natural" vitamins not only in the health food stores cropping up all over the country but in regular drug stores, supermarkets, even karate clubs and gyms.

The tactics used to sell these vitamins are usually based on fear. Worried people are good prospects. As one workingman wrote to us:

"I was visited by a vitamin supplement salesman who supported his claims with government reports on poor soil, cooking of foods, storage, organic vs. inorganic farming, etc.

"His arguments sounded good when backed up by U.S. government reports. However, I couldn't see spending \$20 a month on vitamins.

"Can we get all we need out of foods? Should we all eat raw instead of cooked vegetables? What about white sugar and white flour? Are they harmful?"

We'll come back to these questions later in more detail. But in general, if you have no abnormality and do eat a balanced diet you should be able to get all the nutrients you need without taking additional vitamins.

IF YOU do have some physical condition that may require extra vitamins, you should consult a doctor. He would determine what vitamins, if any, you really need.

What's a "balanced diet?" The U.S. Agriculture Department advises choosing some foods every day from four basic food groups. Some nutritionists think the USDA has oversimplified the seven basic groups it used to suggest. . . .

Marcella Katz, nutrition consultant for the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, in the Public Affairs pamphlet, *Vitamins, Food, and Your Health*, recommends using some foods each day from each of these six basic food groups:

1. Meat, fish, eggs, poultry, legumes supply high-quality protein that contains an adequate amount of essential amino acids.

2. Breads and cereals, whole-grain and enriched, supply sugar and starch, vitamins and minerals. (The protein in grains and cereals is not complete and should be used in combination with the complete proteins in Group 1.)

3. Milk and milk products such as cheese supply high-quality protein, minerals, and vitamins.

4. Dark green leafy and yellow vegetables are important sources of vitamin A.

5. Other vegetables and fruits—citrus, tomatoes, strawberries, cabbage, potatoes—are important sources of vitamin C.

6. Fats and oils supply saturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids and vitamins. (Mrs. Katz recommends, as do many nutritionists nowadays, liquid vegetable oils and margarine made from them, rather than so-called "saturated" or hard fats.)

It is true that some vitamins are lost in food processing and in home cooking, although vitamin sellers tend to exaggerate these losses.

VEGETABLES washed in too much water or held in the pot too long before serving, "make vitamin-rich water and vitamin-poor food," Mrs. Katz warns. She points out that many families rarely use the cooking water.

They should. Vegetables should be cooked in as little water as possible and for as short a time as feasible. Whatever water remains contains some of the water-soluble vitamins from the vegetables and should be used in gravies, sauces and soups.

With careful meal planning and care in cooking, most people should not need vitamins. If you or your doctor feel you do, then take care not to get involved in the high-priced products being pushed nowadays.

For example, in a recent shopping survey we found you could pay anywhere from 45 cents for a bottle of 100 tablets of 100 milligrams of vitamin C, to as much as \$1.75 for so-called "natural" vitamin C (really partly synthetic).

Different brands of multivitamins with minerals sell for anywhere from \$2.65 to \$4.50. They have somewhat varying formulas, which makes it hard for consumers to compare values precisely, but are basically similar products. For B vitamins, although with varying formulas, you can pay anywhere from 79 cents to \$3.79 for 100 tablets.

There are huge profits in vitamins, especially the "natural" kind. For example, a large basic supplier like General Mills sells vitamin E (the current fad vitamin) to packagers for 50 cents for 100 tablets of 100 international units. By the time these 100 tablets are bottled and reach the retail counters

they have price tags of anywhere from \$1.95 to as much as \$3.30 (in brands sold in health food stores.)

THE VITAMIN packagers nowadays have a number of ways of building up prices:

They are packaging bigger dosages, such as vitamin C in 250 and even 500 milligram tablets, in order to command higher prices but claiming that you are more certain to get your full needs this way.

They then package smaller amounts such as 30 to 60 tablets in a bottle instead of the traditional 100, in order to make the higher prices seem lower.

They try to influence you to buy not only specific vitamins to supplement your supposedly "impoverished" food supply, but to buy other vitamin or food supplements to balance the primary vitamins. For example, they now try to sell you bioflavonoids along with vitamin C, or vitamin A along with leechin.

They push the higher-priced "natural" vitamins instead of the lower-cost synthetic vitamins, when actually they are the same in function, and the supposedly natural ones are partly or even largely synthetic in any case. (If they weren't they would be too big to swallow.)

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U.S. must act against worthless drugs

A federal judge ordered the government to act against ineffective drugs in a decision which the National Council of Senior Citizens, one of the plaintiffs, called a victory for consumers of all ages.

But, Council President Nelson Cruikshank commented, it took 18 months and a lawsuit to force the secretary of the Health, Education & Welfare Department and the commissioner of the Food & Drug Administration "to do

what they are required to do under law and what in effect they swore to do when they took their oath of office."

U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant ordered the FDA to move immediately to eliminate any drug which the National Academy of Science-National Research Council finds to be less effective than claimed.

Plaintiffs were the Senior Citizens and the American Public Health Association.

'No-fault' top item on Cal. labor consumer program

A fair "no-fault" auto insurance system regulating the insurance industry to assure that windfalls from cost reductions benefit the consumer instead of the insurance companies' profit position was a big item on the long list of consumer legislation called for by delegates to the California Labor Federation's convention.

"Shoddy, over-priced merchandise still floods the marketplace," the Los Angeles convention said in a statement on "Consumer Protection" which also called for:

- A reduction in the interest rates on revolving charge accounts by a "12 per cent true interest per annum" ceiling.

- Forbidding interest on any portion of an outstanding charge account debt paid within the billing period.

- Creation of federal and state Offices of Utility Consumers' Counsel to represent the public before rate-making bodies like the California Public Utilities Commission.

- Requirement that firms advertising in Spanish provide sales contracts in Spanish as well as English.

- Defeat of the Uniform Consumer Credit Code as allowing increases in the cost of consumer credit and weaken existing consumer protections.

- Legislation to require informational product labeling, including ingredients, nutritional values, expiration dates, durability and unit pricing.

- Consumer class action legislation to let cheated customers sue for redress as a group.

- A ban on auto "deficiency judgments."

- Requirement that sales promotion advertising by public utilities come from corporate profits instead of from the ratepayer

- Better regulation of the household moving industry.

- Opposition to the registration and certification of automobile mechanics on grounds that the responsibility for adequate auto repairs is the dealers.

- Legislation to expand the generation and transmission of public power as a means of lowering utility rates and to permit small municipally owned utilities to jointly finance such efforts.

Getting your money's worth

Ice cream not always too good

The cold facts about ice cream are that today's commercial product is largely not as good as it could be and price is no worthwhile guide to quality.

These two conclusions are part of a Consumer Reports study which also showed that major advertised brands may be no better than less-touted local brands.

And because package information on ice cream is practically non-existent, the consumer publication says the label is no help in judging the product.

Consumer Reports estimates that ice cream makers can legally use at least 1,200 different chemical stabilizers, emulsifiers, neutralizers, and natural and artificial flavors and colors.

It says, "Unless the manufacturer tells us what he's put into his product, you have no way of knowing what you're eating." Federal regulations require only a declaration of the artificial flavors.

SO WHAT'S a consumer to do?

Consumer Reports rates 31 brands of chocolate and vanilla, and recommends combining a little detective work with learning how to judge ice cream quality for yourself.

(The expert tasters, who did not know what brands they were evaluating, only considered three brands, all in the chocolate flavor, deserving of the accolade of excellent. The majority of brands are rated good or fair by Consumer Reports).

The investigative efforts provide a clue to how much ice

cream you're getting for your money.

A federal standard for ice cream sold in interstate commerce calls for a minimum net weight of 2 1/4 pounds per half gallon, and many states concur.

Consumer Reports suggests weighing the container of ice cream on the scale in the produce department. Because of the container's weight, the scale should easily clear the 2 1/4 pound minimum.

The reason for weighing ice cream, says the magazine, is that "the largest additive to ice cream, by volume, is air."

The proper amount of air makes for an ice cream with smooth body and texture, while too much or too little air diminishes quality.

If the producer can get the same price for a package with 60 per cent air as for one with only 44 per cent air, says Consumer Reports, "he may be strongly tempted to sell air."

THE FEDERAL standards for weight and other ice cream factors apply only to a product made in one state and sold in another.

"Most ice cream is manufactured and sold locally; even national and regional brands are prepared in factories fairly close to the market area," says the report.

Between buying and taste-testing, Consumer Reports has some tips for ice cream handling.

Make it your last purchase and pick a container that's brick-hard to the touch.

Have it wrapped separately, preferably in an insulated ice-

cream bag, and keep it out of the sun en route home. Wrap it at home in a plastic bag to minimize evaporation, and store it in the area of your freezer that has the least temperature fluctuation.

Eat the ice cream withing two weeks of purchase suggests the consumer publication. In judging quality check for the uniformity and attractiveness of color of the ice cream.

It should be pleasantly sweet and properly flavored and leave a clean aftertaste. Pinpoints of cold on the tongue or palate and a flat aftertaste indicate undesirable ice crystals.

For a no-calorie test of ice cream, let a scoop melt at room temperature. After about 15 minutes it should melt down to a creamy, homogenous liquid, closely resembling the original mix.

It should not melt down to a mixture exuding a thin liquid or containing numerous small distinctly visible bubbles.

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Protection of ecology AND jobs urged

Both "no-growth" environmentalists who would sacrifice jobs for ecological purity and industrialists who exploit workers' job fears to recruit organized labor against all environmental reform drew fire at the California Labor Federation convention.

The meeting in Los Angeles staked out a middle ground, declaring:

"It is unnecessary to choose between environmental preservation and job security."

"We decry efforts to pit environmentalists against labor (and) urge environmentalists to recognize the need for a balanced over-all approach and to join labor in building a coalition for progressive change."

"No - growth" advocates "would sacrifice someone else's job for environmental purity" and "would preserve open space by stopping residential construction, even though the nation has critical housing needs," the convention statement said.

But, it added: "The nation's tradition of largely unregulated capitalism has led to the massive exploitation of our resources and industry now seeks to recruit organized labor as an ally in its struggle to avoid environmental responsibilities."

"A stepped up attack on pollution" could actually create many new jobs, it said, while "jobs for all who wish to work must not be sacrificed by our commitment to a cleaner environment."

Specifically, the convention urged:

- Massive efforts against air and water pollution, including development of an alternative to the internal combustion engine which is the chief polluter of the air.

- A major expansion of mass transit facilities.

- Better land use planning to preserve open space, provide greenbelts, eliminate indiscriminate timber-cutting and increase recreational areas.

- A master plan for the future growth development of California.

- More effort to determine impact of new technology and development projects on the environment, with alternative means to the same goal when projects endanger the environment.

How Proposition 22 would smash unions

Proposition 22 would strip the United Farm Workers National Union of the strike and boycott weapons which have won it its union contracts and would be the first move to take away rights from all unions, UFW Director Cesar Chavez warned.

As written, he told the California Labor Federation convention, it already would extend its blight to other workers.

"Proposition 22 does not only hit the farm workers but it says that it regulates all unions that have contracts with growers," he said.

That could cover cannery, packing shed and other food processing employees who are not farm workers.

The Los Angeles convention of the federation set up a United Labor Committee to Defeat Proposition 22 to counter efforts of big growers to pass the measure.

"The growers and the banking interests that finance anti-labor forces in California are prepared to spend \$1,000,000 to secure passage of Proposition 22," Labor Federation Secretary John F. Henning warned.

"There is no organization here preset with the financial resources to meet that assault. We can only do it through organized effort, a pooling of our contributions."

"And we ask that all of you bring the issue to your membership as soon as possible and vote contributions to the Fund."

The fund will be under the direction of the federation and the committee will be headquartered in the federation's San Francisco office.

Its co-chairmen will be Chavez and Henning.

It will include the members of the Federation's Executive Council and the executive officers of all central labor, building trades and craft councils in the state.

It will also be open to representatives of the Teamsters, the

United Auto Workers and the ILWU.

The convention authorized an immediate \$10,000 contribution to the anti-Proposition 22 fund and directed that more money be contributed as it becomes available.

Chavez warned the convention:

"This dastardly act, if adopted, will spread like a disease throughout the labor movement."

"We are the weakest link; if they break that link all of you will suffer. Either we win—we defeat Proposition 22—or we don't have a union."

Here's a summary of the main anti-union provisions of the proposition:

1. It would exclude 90 percent or more of the state's farm workers from voting in representational elections by restricting the vote to permanent employees, excluding the vast majority who are employed only at harvest time.

2. If a strike were forced by an employer, he could prevent it for 60 days by a court injunction — by which time the harvest would be in and a strike wouldn't have any effect.

3. It would bar the consumer boycott, which has been held to be legal by the United States Supreme Court.

4. It would ban the secondary boycott, a weapon available to farm workers since the Taft-Hartley Act excludes them from its bargaining rights and its ban on such boycotts.

5. It would put farm labor matters under the governor who would appoint a board which would conduct elections and certify bargaining representatives.

6. It would limit bargaining units to particular farms even though the employer may operate a number of properties.

7. It would allow the grower to determine time of an election and would give him broadly defined "management rights" which would cover a multitude of items.

150 Hearst strikers win jobless benefits

Striking unionists won an estimated \$500,000 back unemployment insurance benefit package in a significant victory over the scab-operated Hearst Los Angeles Herald-Examiner where workers have been on strike or locked out since December 15, 1967.

The decision affecting some 150 Newspaper Guild strikers, followed an earlier ruling that craft workers at the Her-Ex were entitled to jobless pay since they had been locked out and replacements hired for their jobs.

The Guild jobless pay claimants have begun to collect benefits under the new ruling issued by Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board Referee David Reith over Hearst opposition.

Strikers are not eligible for unemployment benefits but Reith held that the Hearst people qualified in 1968 when management hired permanent replacements and eliminated certain pre-strike jobs.

Reith rejected Hearst management's contention that the Guild members were not eligible for unemployment benefits because they had been receiving Guild strike benefits.

Guild attorney Lester G. Ost-

rov said the award also could affect others who have been unemployed during some period during the strike but who were not among the claimants in this case.

"The referee saw through Hearst's charade," Ostrov said.

"Hearst contended, on the one hand, that all of its present employees, i.e. strikebreakers, are permanent, and, on the other hand, that any individual striker was free to offer to return to work."

"Hearst claimed that it had not determined which, if any, strikers had been replaced and that, therefore, none of them should be entitled to unemployment insurance."

"The referee was not taken in by this argument and correctly held that if the jobs were being filled by 'permanent' employees, the strikers were entitled to benefits."

Typo centennial

San Francisco Typographical Union Local 21 will mark its one hundredth anniversary at a \$9 a plate Centennial Celebration Banquet, Saturday evening, October 7 at Bimbo's Restaurant, Columbus Avenue at Chestnut Street, San Francisco.

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The Picnic winners

Here are winners of the 12 awards at Monday's Alameda County Labor Day Picnic:

Microwave oven — Jim Waksdal; Portable color television set, Dorothy Calvarese, wife of James Calvarese of Richmond Culinary Workers; Cassette recorder, Dixie Perkins; Walkie talkie set, Mary Pavletich, daughter of Nick Pavletich of Western Graphic Arts Local 14; Meat grinder, Carlos Ruiz, Furniture Workers Local 262; Instamatic camera, Linda Wil-

coxen; Portable saw, Jackie McNalley, Electrical Workers Local 1245; Makeup mirror with radio, Barry Armstrong; Sabre saw, Jerry Fore; Automatic toaster, Marilyn Olson, and Digital clock, Fred Hubbard, Teamster Local 291.

Winner of a redhot horseshoes tournament was the team of Vern Baxter and President Henry Murphy Jr. of UC Employees Local 371.

They outthrew a half dozen other teams and won transistor radios.

Chips and Chatter

By Gunnar (Benny) Benonys

Over 100 delegates from the Carpenters 46 Northern California counties assembled at the Carpenter's Local 36 hall in Oakland on Thursday, August 31 to formally establish The Carpenters 46 Counties Conference Board. Acting as temporary chairman was Alfred Figone, formerly Executive Secretary of the Bay Counties Council of Carpenters.

The following officers were chosen by acclamation:

President, John Rebeiro, executive secretary of the Santa Clara Valley District Council of Carpenters; vice president, Larry Null, executive secretary of the Sequoia District Council of Carpenters; secretary-treasurer, John Watts, executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

Vying for the three trustee spots were: Sam Garcia, L. U. 1408; James Powers, L. U. 668; Russ Pool, L. U. 483; Russ Hansen, L. U. 1323; Mel Cedarwall, L. U. 1418. Declared elected were Powers, trustee 1; Hansen, trustee 2, and Garcia, trustee 3.

One of the objectives of the Conference Board is preparation for the forthcoming negotiations in early 1974.

The 46 Counties agreement and the contracts in the other two carpenters negotiating areas in California, the 11 Southern Counties and San Diego Area, all expire on the same date, June 15, 1974.

It is the ultimate goal of this board to achieve a state-wide agreement incorporating all the best items of the present 46 county, 11 Southern and the San Diego agreements into one major agreement for the entire state. More on this item later.

Just by way of information and as a reminder, the Business Representatives office hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Dispatch and job call hours are 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Brothers, please remember that Friday, September 8, 1972 is an all day straight time day because of the holiday, (Monday, Labor Day).

Steve Johnson, son of the late Mel (former financial secretary) and Lillian Johnson is to be married to Miss Julie M. Jackson of Moraga, on September 10, 1972 in the Chapel on Treasure Island.

Lillian is going to Hawaii to live to be near her daughter, Nancy.

Bill Medert, former Local 36 member, now living in Branch Hill, Ohio, and Silver Springs, Florida, dropped by the house to say "Hello" to all the Brothers. He will be 75 in December and is visiting the western states and unions that he worked out of.

Uncle Benny asks, "Did you hear about the bashful girl who worked all her crossword puzzles vertically so she wouldn't have to come across?" See you brothers at the next meeting?

Barbers 134

By Jack M. Reed

Brothers, with very few exceptions the barber business is just about as slow as it has ever been. As in previous years, January and August are the leanest months. The barber would console himself to the

thought that the greater part of January was slow because everyone got carried away with the Holiday Spirit and were broke from paying bills that they contracted in December.

August, when most of the customers went on vacations, business was bad for the barber as he had to wait for his customers to get back in town to get trimmed up for the back to work or back to school thing.

Some of the above is still true, but much has been changed. In present times, many men have acquired the "unkempt look." In most cases these persons do not realize that this greatly distracts from their personal appearance, and many times bordering on the ridiculous.

Sociologists and historians say that styles in hair make a radical change every 20 to 40 years. Where will you be 20 to 40 years from now? The point is that hairstyling and other advanced services are here to stay for many years. The public demands more from his barber every day.

Many of our members are leaving the business and going into other fields. They will have to put in time, study and years of experience to succeed. The question is asked, "If they put in as much time and study in the business that they are already in, would they succeed as well?"

As you are aware or would be if you attended last month's regular meeting or read Local 134's last weeks Official Notice, there is a petition to raise prices and dues. The second reading will be on September 26 at our regular meeting. The third reading and vote will take place at our regular October meeting. You should plan to attend.

Golfers, Hackers, etc. Attention! On Monday, October 2, 1972 Barbers Local 12 of Sacramento, plan to hold a Golf Tournament on the new Rancho Murieta Golf Course. This course is judged to be the finest in California. Price of \$12 includes green fees, dinner at Slough House, trophies and prizes. Starting time is 9 a.m. There will be a limit of 75 registrations, so mail your reservations not later than September 15, 1972 to Mike Wokich, 7100 24th Street, Sacramento, Cal. 95822.

Brothers at this time several jobs are available for stylists or barbers with some stylist experience. Please call the office.

Typographical Auxiliary

By Elizabeth Fee

The regular business meeting of Woman's Auxiliary No. 26 will be on September 12, 10:30 a.m., in the recreation room of St. James Episcopal Church, Oakland. Bring your lunch.

Report of the W.I.A. convention will be the main topic of business.

Also final arrangements of the bazaar, which will be on October 6 and 7, at Foothill Plaza Square, will be discussed. Bring your finished articles to the meeting.

The patio pot-luck luncheon held at Betty Bowdish's home was also celebrated as a surprise birthday party for Tom Wolters.

Sheet Metal 216

By Keith & Jim

The Representatives of Local 216 just returned from a National Business Representatives Convention and there are going to be many changes and many new things implemented by the International Association. We strongly urge all members to attend our next regular meeting, September 20, when a full report will be given. Many of the changes are going to directly affect all members and we feel you should be fully informed. Please plan to attend.

At the Labor Day Picnic it was very noticeable that not too many Local 216 members were in attendance. This annual event is held to raise money to support those people in politics who help us. We have to get on the ball and support functions such as this or we are going to lose the little corner of this world we have. It seems that everyone sits back and waits for the other guy. It may seem of little importance but politicians are just like anyone else. They help those who help them, they especially pay attention to large numbers of people. We can do better at these functions and we must.

In last week's column we talked a little on our Health Plan. This week we would like to touch on our Pension Plans. Over the last two years, your representatives have made a great effort to inform the membership about our Pension Plans. Your Northern California Pension is based on two things: amount of contribution and number of years past service.

Due to our action the office of the Northern California Pension Plan has decided to send every member a yearly statement of full amount of contribution and number of years past service, many members have already received this information. If you feel this information is incorrect, get it corrected as soon as possible, especially those members who have reached the age of 55.

Remember, under this plan you are eligible for early retirement at a reduced rate at age 57 and for full retirement at age 62. Here again if we're going to play the game, let's know the rules.

Friday, October 20, 1972 is going to be the night that we honor our former Business Manager, Lloyd Child. Much work has already gone into this event and there is still a lot to do. Your Executive Board and Officers expect this to be one of the greatest events ever put on by Local 216 so we ask you to mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We need your help in making this event a great success.

Lloyd Child is some kind of Man. Let's get it together and show him our appreciation, we will keep you informed.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The mind's direction is more important than its progress."—Joubert.

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By George F. Allen

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The Executive Board has requested that all employees who are working under a union agreement, attend the Thursday, September 21, 1972 membership meeting to be held at 785 Market Street in the Assembly Room (3rd floor), at 7:30 p.m.

We will, at this meeting, explain what is involved in the present negotiations, inasmuch as our present union agreement expires on October 15, 1972.

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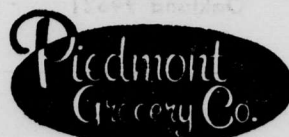
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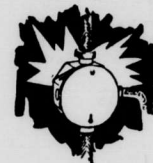
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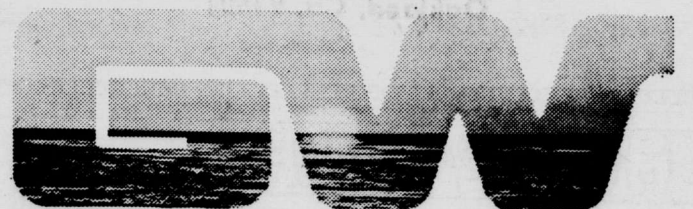
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Peace and job export ban sought by California labor

Peace and protection of American Workers' jobs from export to low wage countries were two main points of the California Labor Federation convention's foreign policy stand.

The policy statement also called for strengthening the United Nations and maintaining NATO and reaffirmed the AFL-CIO's longstanding support to Israel.

To protect jobs from export, the Los Angeles convention called for passage of the Burke-Hartke Bill, which would cut back tax and other advantages tempting big U.S. companies to switch to overseas production. For peace it demanded that

the Vietnam war be ended "conditioned on the release of our POW's and assurances the people of South Vietnam have full voice and vote in determining their political destiny."

It also said that the federal government "must more adequately enforce the law along our southern border to halt the importation of illegal aliens who often become strikebreakers and threaten existing labor standards."

In a related action, the statement urged Uncle Sam to "crack down on U.S. firms building and operating low-wage assembly plants immediately south of the U.S.-Mexican border, thereby exporting American jobs."

Labor bares Nixon 'value added' as hidden sales tax

The Nixon administration's attempt to "sell the public on the so-called 'value added tax'" was sharply attacked by delegates to the statewide convention of the California Labor Federation.

The "value added tax," the statement warned, amounts to a hidden national sales tax "whose burden falls heaviest on the average wage earner . . . and would reduce again the business community's contribution to the costs of government," it said.

It pointed out that the Revenue Act of 1971 had permanently reduced corporate tax rates by 20 per cent and said that the annual cost of the tax bonanzas to business will be over \$5,000,000,000 this year and grow to more than \$10,000,000,000 annually by 1981.

Noting that wages and salaries are taxed in full but only one-half of capital gains are taxed, the delegates called for:

- Abolition of the oil depletion allowance.
- Closure of the capital gains tax break.
- Taxing the earnings of presently tax exempt state and local bonds.
- Curbing federal tax breaks that encourage the exportation of jobs.
- Abolition of business giveaways such as the investment tax credit and depreciation speedups.

Hazard ignored

The National Highway Safety Administration's decision to drop plans for protection of passengers from danger of automobiles under riding big trucks has been protested by the Pennsylvania secretary of transportation.

"Over an 18-month period 557 accidents resulted here in which cars underdressed the rear of trucks," he declared. "These 557 accidents resulted in 14 persons killed, 447 persons injured and \$860,000 in property damage."

end of controls for the under \$2.75 workers was not retroactive.

Unionists who had brought the suit against the \$1.90 ceiling protested lack of retroactivity. President Paul Jennings of the International Union of Radio, Electrical & Machine Workers commented:

"It is incomprehensible how the Nixon administration can admit that workers now have a statutory right to an exemption above \$1.90 and pretend that they have not had this right all along."

The ruling by U.S. District Judge William B. Jones in the District of Columbia did not directly order COLC to raise the ceiling to \$3.35 an hour, which Congress had indicated as a guideline. He strongly suggested it was reasonable, however.

Nixon's COLC settled for \$2.75, however, and petitioned Judge Jones not to allow the raise to be retroactive. The \$3.35 figure indicated by Congress and backed by labor works out to about \$7,000 a year—less than the BLS "austere" budget for a city family of four.

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Housing held major need

Massive publicity supported housing programs by both the federal and state governments to guarantee open and adequate housing for all low and moderate income citizens was urged by the California Labor Federation convention.

Delegates to the meeting in Los Angeles noted that the Housing Act of 1968 set an annual goal of 2,600,000 new housing units.

But, the convention statement said the nation has never come close to meeting that goal. The statement urged creation of an urban development bank to provide long-term loans to organizations pursuing public policy goals in the housing field.

The statement declared that adequate housing not only meets the needs of the people for shelter but also generates jobs.

- It recommended:
- Federal action to cut financing and land costs—which together account for most housing costs—by reducing the FHA - VA allowable interest rates and by taking the profit out of land speculation by

adopting a national land policy that would assure the availability of enough buildable land at reasonable costs to achieve the nation's stated housing goals.

At the state level, the delegates called for:

- Adequate funding of the Cal-Vet program.
- A statewide bond issue to help subsidize housing costs and build new housing units.

Carpenters getting Set for 1974 talks

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its contract recommendations for final action by local membership referendum.

It is to select a five-member team to negotiate the new agreement.

All carpenter agreements in California expire June 15, 1974. The other two contract areas are the 11 Southern Counties, centered on Los Angeles, and the San Diego area. Union spokesmen hope ultimately to negotiate one state agreement.

BTC takes on 'no growth'

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is the United Labor Committee of 41 building trades local unions.

The Fremont city council meeting of September 26 is expected to have a resolution before it to cut construction, Elmer Borge of Hayward Carpenters Local 1622 reported. Unionists were urged to turn out in force at the meeting.

The 15,000 Alameda housing units threatened by the "no growth" initiative, which is expected to be voted on at a special election some time after the November 7 general election, include the Harbor Bay Isle development which has been approved by the planning commission, Childers reported.

But, he said, the city council has yet to act and construction people fear "no growth" pressure may influence the council decision.

"We will have to really come out and blast these people," Childers said.

"It will take doorbell ringing," Borge warned.

The council also voted to continue to keep an eye on the Oakland schools' "self help volunteer" program after Allen Linder of Carpenters Local 36 displayed a letter from Superintendent Marcus Foster suggesting that a retired craftsman could furnish volunteer labor.

Unions are to be notified and the council instructed its officers to act if retirees are used for school craftsmen's work.

A meeting is to be scheduled for all University of California building trades employees for briefing on current status of UC-union relations. A test grievance has been filed for arbitration on the issue of UC's assignment of workers to maintenance" pay.

Biggest graphic arts union starts life on Labor Day

Labor Day marked the birth of the new Graphic Arts International Union, which merged two former printing trades unions into one 130,000 member organization whose spokesmen called it the largest in the American printing industry.

President Kenneth J. Brown of the merged union predicted that it would be "another forerunner" of unification of all graphic arts unions into one union.

The new union's life officially began at 12:01 a.m., Monday.

It is the result of merger of the Lithographers & Photoengravers with the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders. The merger process, including membership and convention approval, has been underway since last year and was final this summer.

The new union goes far back into American labor history.

The Lithographers & Photoengravers was set up in 1964 by a merger of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America and

the International Photoengravers Union.

The Amalgamated Lithographers was formed in 1915 by a merger of five craft unions but its earliest predecessor dated back to 1882. The Photoengravers were founded in 1900.

The Bookbinders were founded in 1892.

Brown noted that the needs of changing industry played a big part in the continuing mergers which produced the new union.

"Unions whose structures were formed before the turn of the century to deal with the printing of 1900 just are not structured to meet the needs of the 1970s and 1980s," Brown declared.

"Change is the name of the game in the graphic arts today."

"What we have seen technologically in the last 10 years in the graphic arts in terms of new and sophisticated equipment and increased productivity is just a glimmer of what we can expect in the next 10 years."

Unhappy birthday for Nixon's 'controls'

The Nixon economic program was a year old last month and it was a long way from achieving its stated objective of cutting inflation and unemployment.

While prices kept rising and joblessness had stayed around 6 per cent for a year and one-half, some things were happening in the wonderland of Richard Nixon's "control" setup. Such as:

1. A new squeeze on pay raises was hinted by Arthur Burns, one of the architects of Nixon economics, who said that it might be well to bring "wages down to the level of productivity increases."

2. Despite Burns' downgrading of productivity, the Bureau of Labor Statistics disclosed that productivity had made its first big climb in seven years in the second 1972 quarter, amounting to 6 per cent which is double what was expected.

3. Nixon's pay board chairman, former Judge George Boldt, told the National Press Club that the board was reviewing its 5.5 per cent pay-fringe raise limit—presumably

to lower it. But, after review, the board said the rule would stay at 5.5 per cent for now.

4. Just 11 days after a judge had agreed with labor that the Nixon Cost of Living Council's poverty level \$1.90 per hour cut-off figure for wage control exempted was far too low, COLC boosted the ceiling to a skimpy \$2.75.

That meant that workers making less than \$2.75 could get raises to that figure without pay board approval.

But, if it required 5.5 per cent or more of a worker's previous pay to put it at \$2.75, he couldn't get any more unless "a special exception is granted by the Internal Revenue Service or the pay board," IRS said.

However, IRS allowed, that if a less than 5.5 per cent boost would put pay at \$2.75—meaning that the worker's original wage was higher than that of the worker who needed the full 5.5 per cent boost—"the total permissible increase is 5.5 per cent above the base pay level (but not a full 5.5 per cent above \$2.75)."

COLC emphasized that the

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

Auto & Ship Painters 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

A. Crafts and Trades 322

Regular meetings held first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Room H, Third Floor.

Fraternally,
VERN DUARTE,
Financial Secretary

AFSCME-EBMUD 444

The next membership meeting will be held on September 14, 1972 and the Executive Board meeting will be held on September 7, 1972.

Both meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and will take place at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
MANNY PONTES,
Secretary-Treasurer

Barbers 516

The next regular union meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 1972 at 8 p.m. in Newark Square Barber Shop, 5600 Thornton Avenue, Newark, California.

Due to Labor Day, all union shops in Fremont and Newark will be closed on Tuesday, September 5, 1972.

Fraternally,
AL DOYLE,
Secretary-Treasurer

Barbers 134

ATTENTION!!!
At our August meeting a Petition with over 25 valid signatures was presented and read for a raise in price on all services. A petition with over 25 signatures was also presented and read for a comparable raise in dues.

This constituted the first reading. The second reading will be held at the regular September meeting and the third reading and vote will be at our October meeting.

PLEASE ATTEND THESE TWO IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28, 1972, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer

Berkeley Carpenters 1158

NOTICE

When sending in your dues by mail, please send to Wm. Mahaffey, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 220-A, Oakland, California 94612.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Flinnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, California.

Fraternally,
NICK AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

Alameda Carpenters 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evening of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 3201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following each meeting in the Canteen or all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

Printing Specialties 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 485 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM PRENDEBLE,
Secretary

Carpenters 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 2400 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Refreshments are served by the Ladies Auxiliary immediately following each meeting.

(2) The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m. Phone 369-3405.

(3) Pursuant to Section 15, Paragraph (b) of the District Council By-Laws, the dues were increased by \$1.00, as of January 1, 1972.

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Carpenters 1622

Our new contract in booklet form is now available at the Finance Office.

Want to know what's happening? Come to your union meetings!

Regular meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the hall, 1050 Matter Road, Hayward, California.

Pay your dues at the Financial Secretary's office. It is open at 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Members who move should inform the local union of their new addresses.

Fraternally,
CHARLES WACK,
Recording Secretary

MOVING? ? ? ? ?

You are required to keep the office of the Financial Secretary notified of your correct place of residence.

Failure to do so, and when mail has been returned to the office, a \$1.00 penalty will be imposed.

This enforces Section No. 44, paragraph I of the General Constitution.

Fraternally,
DELBERT BARDWELL,
Financial Secretary

Dental Technicians 99

In place of the regular meeting, we will hold a special "Must Attend Meeting" on Sunday, September 10, 1972, at 1:30 p.m. at the Del Webb Towne House, 8th and Market Streets, San Francisco.

Subjects to be taken up include the filling of two vacancies on our Executive Board; discussion by those covered by the dental assistants contract of the allocation of the 17% increase which is due October 1st; discussion on the next dental technicians contract; plans on future membership meetings.

Fraternally,
LEO TURNER,
Business Representative

Millmen's Union 550

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 208, Oakland, California 94612.

Those members who are laid-off from work are reminded to sign the out of work list each week. The new list goes up each Friday and is good through Thursday night.

Fraternally,
ODUS G. HOWARD,
Financial Secretary

Paint Makers 1975

The next Regular Meeting of Local No. 1975 will be held on September 19, 1972 in San Francisco at 337 Valencia Street at 8 p.m.

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1972.
TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: 337 Valencia Street, San Francisco, Ca.

Fraternally,
KENNETH E. REEVES,
President and Business Manager

Printing Specialties 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jonny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL,
Secretary

Carpet & Linoleum 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290, will be held on Thursday, September 28, 1972, Hall "C", 8 p.m., Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. There will be nominations for Vice President due to the resignation of Brother Leno Russell as Vice President. Please attend.

National Conference Deaths are now due and payable through NC 439. Also, \$3.50 is due for Brother Isaac Dover who passed away August 3, 1972.

Because of the increase in our Health and Welfare premiums, we are printing some advice from our Administrator:

Some things you can do to help keep insurance costs from increasing, and the price of your health benefit plans from increasing:

Discuss fees with your doctor. Don't ask for unnecessary care. Get hospital care only when you need it.

Check your doctor and hospital bills to be sure you received the services for which you were billed. Errors do occur.

Know your plan and claims procedures. Fill out claim forms accurately.

Unnecessary correspondence increases the cost of administration.

Your plan has only the money it receives in contributions from your employer. When it pays out more in benefits and necessary operating costs than it collects in premiums, the premiums have to be increased or the benefits have to be reduced, something no one likes. You can have a big part in controlling these costs.

A one day Resilient Floor Covering Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 16, in Oakland at Merritt College, Building "A", south end of the campus.

Representatives from Armstrong, G.A.F., Congoleum Ind., Roberts, Kinkead and Henry Co. will be there from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. No cost to member.

This will be a good opportunity for everyone to catch up on the new materials and methods being used in our trade.

Fraternally,
BOB SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
FRED HARMON,
Business Manager

Steamfitters 342

There will be a regular meeting of the membership on Thursday, September 7, 1972, which will be recessed until the election is concluded on Friday, September 8, 1972, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Financial Secretary-
Business Manager

Steelworkers L.U. 7616

Regular membership meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. at Eagles' Hall, 1228 Thirty-sixth Avenue, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
ESTELLA STEPHENS,
Recording Secretary

U.C. Employees 371

Our next regular meeting will be held on September 21st, 1972. In Room 155, Kroeber Hall at 2 p.m. Preceded by the Executive Board meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

Retired Carpenters Club

The next meeting of our club will be held on Thursday, September 14, the time 1 p.m., at the halls of Carpenters Local 483 at 2085 Third Street, San Francisco. Prominent Labor leaders have been invited to speak. A progress report is expected from our Legal Committee. Bring along your Carpenter friend, all welcome. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Local 483. Mark your calendars. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Fraternally,
I. D. (LARRY) TWIST,
Recording Secretary

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

I won't die for their right to say it

John Q. Public has made his sentiments known definitely and unmistakably.

There's only one snag. I don't know who he is.

John Q. Public was the name signed by one of that hostile well-known group, the Anonymous Brigade, which pours its ideas out on paper to editors at election time.

Others in the group include God Fearing American, Union Member, Patriotic Citizen, Loyal American (who may be God Fearing's brother) and Real Union Man.

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VOLTAIRE is supposed to have declared that while he might object violently to what someone might say he would die for someone's right to say it.

I make no such offer to the above noted American brothers, nor Messrs. Citizen, Member and Man, although I certainly hope that if the chips were down I would summon the courage to risk my life for free speech.

Not to forget my fortune, if any, and my sacred honor.

But I certainly would not risk anything for the Anonymous Brigade's right to express itself anonymously.

This is perhaps the cheapest shot possible. I have no respect for these people, since they lack even the courage and honesty needed to put your name to your words.

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IT IS NO coincidence that the anonymous writers are practically without exception from the right wing. This seems to me to be because the whole rightwing philosophy is based on the dishonest premise that freedom is really allowing a small group of rightwingers to run the show and no backtalk about equality.

For instance John Q., my latest anonymous correspondent, clips out a story from this journal regarding the Typographical Union's "Beat Nixon" benefit baseball game and declares, "Such biased party political editing is sickening—Right in line with this sick age."

From this I derive his opinion to be that the Typos have no right to get into politics against John Q's man, who in this case is Richard Nixon.

This is just what I described as the rightwing's fallacious philosophy that it should be in

charge with no backtalk.

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IT IS TRUE that some of the roughest criticism in my mail has been from rightwingers who signed their names, addresses and union affiliation when they had one.

These people I respect even though I cringe at what they call me.

And I happily print their letters.

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BUT THE letter which comes to me without the writer's name goes into the round file or, if it has that extra something I toss it into a drawer as source material for that novel I probably will write some day.

No discussion of the anonymous writer would be complete without recalling that in his early campaigns, John Q's man, Mr. Nixon had an assist from widely circulated "pink sheets" accusing Congressman Jerry Voorhis and Helen Gahagan Douglas of being super-subversives.

I can't guess where they came from since they were unsigned.

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What those '4 more years' would mean

The people now running things in Washington say they expect to be back after the November election and they're already telling what they plan if that happens.

Labor Secretary Hodgson prescribes compulsory arbitration for working people and expects to make another push for it next year.

In a letter to a Washington newspaper, Hodgson said:

"The bill has not been abandoned. I have made it clear that we intend to take counsel with the affected parties with the view of 'achieving improvements and greater acceptability and further support' . . . at the next session of Congress."

The Nixon bill he refers to is not aimed at preventing "crippling strikes" as its title proclaims but making working people accept contracts dictated by government—without the right to vote yes or no.

Not incidentally, contracts so imposed on union members would be an odds-on bet to incorporate management's ideas of what workers deserve.

Here's the Nixon procedure:

Transportation unions and their employers can't agree on a contract. But workers can't strike. Instead their unions and management must submit a "best final offer."

The President then names some arbitrators who will decide what the new contract may consist of. The arbitrators can accept either offer—and whose offer do you think a Nixon arbitrator would choose?

But, even if it is an injustice to suspect that a Nixon arbitrator would accept management's pitch, compulsory arbitration decreed in the bill amounts to forcible rape of freedom.

It would eliminate the right to strike, removing workers' only weapon when the chips are down in a management-labor disputes.

Beginning with Mussolini's "corporate state," every dictatorship has outlawed the right to strike.

Without it workers are powerless to protect their economic welfare and their unions lose strength and no longer can protect the individual's freedom.

As Secretary Hodgson discloses the plan to weaken unions and thus hold down paychecks, the administration plans to take more of a tax bite from those paychecks.

That is through the so-called "value added" tax supported by Nixon. It would add taxes at each step of a commodity's production and distribution.

Such a setup adds the total tax to the final price and is simply a disguised—and often hefty—sales tax.

It is intended to take out of the consumer the revenue lost when Mr. Nixon handed his big tax breaks to big business and to make you pay back whatever small tax break he boasts of giving you.

No, No, No, on Prop. 22

There are two things you can be safe in expecting from labor's enemies:

- They'll be hypocritical.
- And they'll never stop trying.

We have on the November 7 ballot something called an Agricultural Labor Relations initiative, Proposition 22, which should truthfully be called an Agricultural Employers' Benefit initiative.

Its only effect on labor relations would be to frustrate them—taking away the strike and boycott weapon and making farm workers so weak management wouldn't have to deal with them.

If an election were held under this initiative, 90 per cent of the farm workers in the state couldn't vote.

If a strike were called, the employer could delay it 60 days by which time he'd have his harvest in and a strike would be nothing more than exercise for pickets.

This is billed hypocritically as a benefit to workers, consumers and farmers. It is actually a union-busting scheme for corporate farms.

Give to the Labor Committee to Defeat Proposition 22.

Or the next union that's broken may be your own.

'Nothing's Changed!'



Nixon planned for more unemployment

The blandly optimistic statements by Republican speech-makers in the slick production of the GOP national convention contrasts sharply with the grim facts of American economic life.

Here is a summary of what Richard M. Nixon's economic policies have done to jobs, reprinted from the Service Union Reporter, the publication of the State Council of the Service Employees International Union:

Unemployment is one of the most distressing and humiliating experiences possible. It not only denies a worker the income essential to provide for himself and his family but it cruelly deprives him of his self-respect as a viable member of society.

The economy, too, suffers from the reduced purchasing power which accompanies unemployment.

Yet, unemployment was actually fostered in 1969 and 1970 as a part of a deliberate and misguided Administration policy to dampen the inflationary fires.

This is the only goal the Administration achieved but the desired effect on inflation did not develop. America was left a legacy of high unemployment as well as rising living costs. The administration could not reverse the consequences of its policy decision.

To fully appreciate the devastating impact of joblessness on America's workers, a full analysis of the unemployment picture is needed.

Labor Department reports show a continuing and serious unemployment picture since early 1969. With an average unemployment of 5,000,000 or an unemployment rate of 5.9 per cent in 1971, joblessness reached its highest levels in the past 10 years.

In 1968, unemployment averaged only 2,800,000 and the rate was 3.6 per cent. By Jan-

uary 1969 there were 2,700,000 unemployed or 3.4 per cent of the labor force.

Then the administration's policies went into action and from this point on, unemployment edged up.

The average number of jobless jumped to 4,100,000 in 1970 and 5,000,000 in 1971.

The unemployment rate increased to 4.9 per cent in 1970 and 5.9 per cent in 1971. In 1972, unemployment continues to be close to the levels of 1971.

These government statistics paint a serious picture but they still do not reflect the full impact of unemployment.

In 1971, the government reported that among Negroes and other minorities the unemployment rates were 9.9 per cent. Among teenagers the rate was 31.7 per cent.

Vietnam veterans, 20-24, were 12.2 per cent unemployed and unskilled workers suffered an unemployment rate of 10 per cent.

These are statistical monthly averages.

As such, they reflect not only the personal, human tragedies but also the deteriorating economic picture.

In terms of the total number of human beings affected, the picture is even more depressing.

The government reports that in 1970, when unemployment averaged 4,100,000 — almost 1,000,000 less than in recent months — there were 14,600,000 people unemployed sometime during the year. Of these 4,500,000 were unemployed for 15 weeks or more.

On that basis, it can be concluded that some 15,000,000 people have been unemployed at some time during the course of the past 12 months and some 5,000,000 people have been out of work for 15 weeks or longer.

Even these statistics fail to reveal the full extent of the unemployment problem.

In fact, they are recognized as an understatement. The Labor Department estimated 800,000 people are so discouraged they have given up looking for jobs and that figure may be underestimated by half.

America must have from both major political parties complete dedication to full employment—job opportunities at decent wages for every person who is willing to work and seeking employment.

Nothing less is tolerable.

Be safe—just don't go home

Your home is still more dangerous than the place where you work, the Eastbay Chapter of the National Safety Council disclosed, citing these casualty figures for the first four months of 1972:

Work accidents killed three persons and home accidents killed 32 in Oakland.

One person was killed on the job in Hayward while nine died in home accidents.

No one was killed on the job in San Leandro during the same period but seven died in home accidents.

One died in a job accident in Alameda and five were killed in home accidents there.

New delegates

New delegates seated last week by the Alameda County Central Labor Council were E. E. Austin, Sleeping Car Porters Local 1716; Dorsey Bowen, San Francisco-Oakland Mailers Local 118, and Alan D. Brose, Communication Workers Local 9415.

A special edition

This is another in a series of special editions of The East Bay Labor Journal marking Labor Day and featuring full coverage of Alameda County COPE's Labor Day Picnic.

Groulx, Moscone Dellums speak

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speaker, because in labor's recent picketline protest struggle at the University of California, the San Francisco Senator never flagged in his support for a fair settlement.

Moscone told the crowd that he believed that California's "progressive labor movement and a progressive Democratic Party" had made great gains for the people but much remains to be done to make up for obstruction to progress by Governor Ronald Reagan.

"We have inadequate health care and anyone who wants to improve it is charged by the governor with socialism," Moscone said.

"The administration has turned down the needs of 230,000 farm workers. Twice the governor has vetoed unemployment insurance for them.

"We have tried fruitlessly to achieve collective bargaining for schoolteachers.

"And still unrealized because of the governor's opposition is adequate housing for poor people."

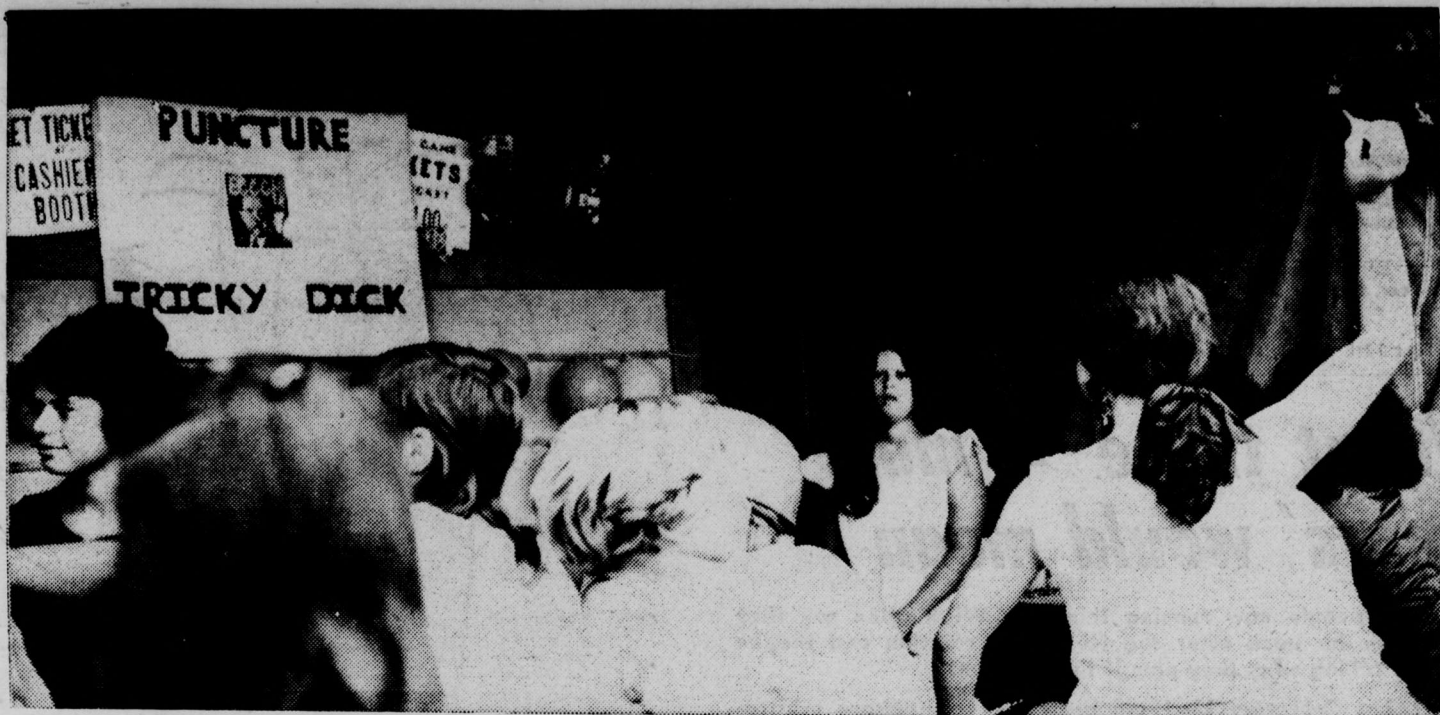
Dellums noted that the aspirations of working people, the poor, minorities, the aged and youth have been stymied by Richard M. Nixon's big business favoritism.

"Richard Nixon talks about the work ethic on Labor Day but why does he not talk about the oil depletion allowance, his tax giveaways to business, about unemployment and inflation?" Dellums asked.

Stark gets nod

Fortney P. (Pete) Stark, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth District, got Alameda County COPE executive board approval for endorsement last week after settling his differences with Office & Professional Employees Local 29.

Stark agreed that the Security National Bank, which he heads, will not interfere with Local 29's organizing. The National Labor Relations Board had found last year that the bank interfered with employee rights by firing a union sympathizer.



A money maker at the Labor Day Picnic darts booth was this "PUNCTURE TRICKY DICK" target.

Huge crowd at East Bay Labor Day Picnic

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"Mr. Nixon is for the work ethic on Labor Day but he's for unemployment every other day.

"The welfare rolls were at 8,900,000 January 1, 1969 when he took office and they were 15,000,000 after his first three and one-half years and let's make it his last three and one-half years.

"There are 2,000,000 on the unemployment rolls who were not there three and one-half years ago."

McGovern said he agreed with his rival that this year's election offers "the choice of the century" but he said the choice is not as Nixon phrased it in the latter's claim that Democrats have deserted their principles.

"The real choice is four more years of unemployment or four years of peacetime prosperity," he said.

"The real choice is four more years of secret plans to end the war or an open plan to bring our sons home from the jungles and the jails of Indochina."

John Connally, Nixon's former treasury secretary, "may think that full employment is a myth," McGovern said. "I think it is a necessity.

"Our highest economic priority is the lowest possible unemployment.

"Nixon has vetoed four bills to create jobs . . . The Nixon position calls for joblessness instead of jobs."

Turning to inflation under Nixon, he noted:

"Whenever you shop at the grocery store you are reminded

that no working people can afford Mr. Nixon's prices.

"He says he stands for the value of the dollar—but consumer prices have risen 18 points while he has been in power.

"The Nixon inflation is ground into every pound of hamburger you buy."

Nixon has a "secret plan" on taxes too, McGovern said.

"We won't see the details before the election," he said, "but if Mr. Nixon is re-elected—which God forbid—I predict that he will call for higher taxes in the form of a national sales tax.

"The Nixon sales tax would leave the loopholes wide open and it would hit hardest at the working people, older people and middle income families.

"To take the sting out, he will call it a value added tax. But a sales tax by any other name smells the same.

"The McGovern answer is \$22,000,000,000 in tax reform and \$15,000,000,000 for quality education and property tax relief so that you will pay less."

Tax favoritism to big corporations and the rich drew McGovern's fire. He declared:

"It is wrong that ITT pays taxes at a rate of 5 per cent and Texaco pays at a rate of 3 per cent while you pay what the tax tables say.

"And it is wrong that some wealthy Americans escape taxes by spending more to hire a tax lawyer than most Americans make in an entire year.

"The Republicans say I want to soak the rich. I want the rich and the corporations to pay their fair share and no more. And what I really want

is to stop soaking rank and file taxpayers.

"You pay for every tax loophole. You pay for every martini lunch that a businessman deducts while you eat a bologna sandwich. You pay every dime the oil companies don't pay. You pay half the tax on the increased value of a corporate executive's stocks and bonds.

"It is wrong to allow an American with an income of \$2,300,000 to pay taxes at less than half the rate you pay on the first \$1,000 of your taxable earnings."

He noted that Republicans try to hang the "radical" tag on the Democrats and declared:

"The robber barons called unions radical when they organized the docks of San Francisco and the factories of Cleveland and the coal mines of Pennsyl-

vania.

"The Republicans called Franklin Roosevelt radical in 1932 because he thought human beings should have enough to eat—but Franklin Roosevelt won the election.

"They called Harry Truman radical in 1948 because he stood up for the rights of labor but Harry Truman won the election.

"Now in 1972 the Republican scare tactic is that we are radical—and we will win the election.

"This same man (Nixon) began in California 26 years ago calling Jerry Voorhis radical. He called Helen Gahagan Douglas radical. He called Truman, Stevenson and John F. Kennedy radical.

"Radical is what the privileged call others in order to preserve what is bad in the status quo."

Billings, frameup victim, dead

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He and Mooney organized streetcar workers, Pacific Gas & Electric Company employees and others.

In 1913, Billings delivered a suitcase to a Sacramento bar as instructed by a man who had hired him for the job in San Francisco.

A private detective and a PG&E officer were on hand. They opened the suitcase and found dynamite. He went to prison for two years.

On his release, he again joined Mooney and the two were organizing streetcar workers and supporting striking machinists when the blast went off at 2:06 p.m., July 22, 1916, killing 10 people.

The district attorney told reporters at 3:30 p.m., "You know, men, I think I already know who did this."

Within days, Mooney and Billings were arrested and investigation of the case was put in the hands of the private detective who had been involved in Billings' dynamite arrest. That man had been fired by the Pinkerton agency after trying to railroad three union men, including Mooney, to jail on a bombing charge.

The Mooney-Billings trial was a worldwide sensation. The chief prosecution witness said he had seen Mooney and Billings at the bombing scene, Billings leaving the suitcase which was to explode.

Others questioned by police

had described a man who left the suitcase and the description did not match Mooney or Billings.

Mooney was convicted and sentenced to hang and Billings in a separate trial was sentenced to life in Folsom prison. Worldwide pressure, including intervention by President Woodrow Wilson, brought a commutation of Mooney's sentence to life.

The story of the frameup came out over the years as prosecution witnesses recanted, confessing they had lied, but no Republican governor would act.

As his first official act, Democratic Governor Culbert L. Olson pardoned Mooney in January, 1939. Billings was paroled that same year and received a full pardon from Governor Edmund G. Brown in 1961. Mooney died in 1942 after a long illness.

Billings lived quietly and sought no headlines but acquired a wide, admiring acquaintanceship in and out of labor.

Last November 5, he was honored at a dinner by San Mateo County COPE, attended by leaders from throughout the state and nation, including U.S. Senators Hubert Humphrey and Alan Cranston.

Billings' wife Josephine died last February and he is survived by a niece, Margarita Joseph of San Francisco.

He died at 4:10 a.m. Monday, at Kaiser Hospital, Redwood City.



KIDS CLIMB fence (left of picture) to see Democratic Presidential Candidate George S. McGovern when his helicopter landed at Labor Day

Picnic. Adults gather for chance to see and shake hands with McGovern through the fence.